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SUBJECT: PROPOSED HUMAN RIGHTS SEMINAR

1. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS HAS DISCUSSED WITH THE SOLICITOR GENERAL OF THE LOWER COURTS OF JUSTICE IN LONDON THE POSSIBILITY OF A SEMINAR INCLUDING BOTH PRIVATE REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS, MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT, OFFICIALS OF THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE, U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT AND CONGRESS. THE SEMINAR IN HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD BE HELD IN MID-NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR.

2. A SIMILAR SEMINAR WAS HELD LAST DECEMBER IN CANADA JOINTLY SPONSORED BY CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS AND INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WITH REPRESENTATION FROM THE CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT. THE SEMINAR PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUREAU OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND

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HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (HA), POLICY PLANNING AND THE LEGAL ADVISER'S OFFICE TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY. (FYI: DEPT UNDERSTANDS FCO HAD

BEEN TOLD BY CANADIANS THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN ATTENDED CANADIAN MEETING. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MARK SCHNEIDER REPRESENTED HA, HOWEVER. END FYI)

3. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES A SIMILAR SEMINAR IN THE UK IN MID-NOVEMBER WOULD BE A POSITIVE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND DIALOGUE ON IDEAS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES AMONG THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UK AND PRIVATE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONFIRM TO FCO THAT DEPARTMENT IS GIVING FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO PARTICIPATION IN SEMINAR AND DETERMINE WHETHER FCO WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO SAME. VANCE

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